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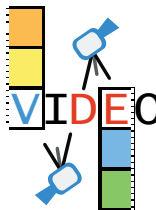


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JASON JOHNSON ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Abdul Issah votes Tuesday at the Carbondale Civic Center. Only one machine was available for use because printer problems caused some people to have to wait more than 45 minutes.

JUST A REMINDER

Early voting in Carbondale is available today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center at 200 S. Illinois Ave.

Early voting in Murphysboro is available today and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse at 1001 Walnut St.

Absentee ballots cannot be mailed to voters after Thursday. Voters must mail them back by Nov. 3.

Fee means new roofs for five campus buildings

Work to begin on top-priority maintenance

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Five leaky university roofs will soon reap the benefits of the facility maintenance fee introduced in fall 2007.

Five years without capital renewal funds from the state has resulted in more than \$400 million in deferred maintenance. The first major projects funded by the student fee would be these roofs, which have become serious safety issues, said Phil Gatton, director of Plant and Service Operations.

"These are our highest priorities — our worst roofs on campus," Gatton said.

Construction on the Dunn-Richmond Center should begin in the next two weeks, Gatton said. Work on the Old Baptist Foundation and the Forestry Building will follow in November.

The remaining buildings, Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building, may begin near the end of the spring semester or the beginning of the summer, he said.

Construction couldn't happen soon enough, said Matt Baughman, assistant director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, which is housed in the

Forestry Building.

Half of the institute's conference room is a tangle of funnels and tubes used to catch the rainwater.

"You try to bring students in here and you have to tell them to watch their heads and hope a new leak won't spring up," Baughman said.

As he stepped over a puddle created by a new leak in the entryway to the conference room, he said the state of the building is an embarrassment.

"We've brought state officials through here," Baughman said. "We had the White House Chief of Staff (Andrew Card) in the conference room."

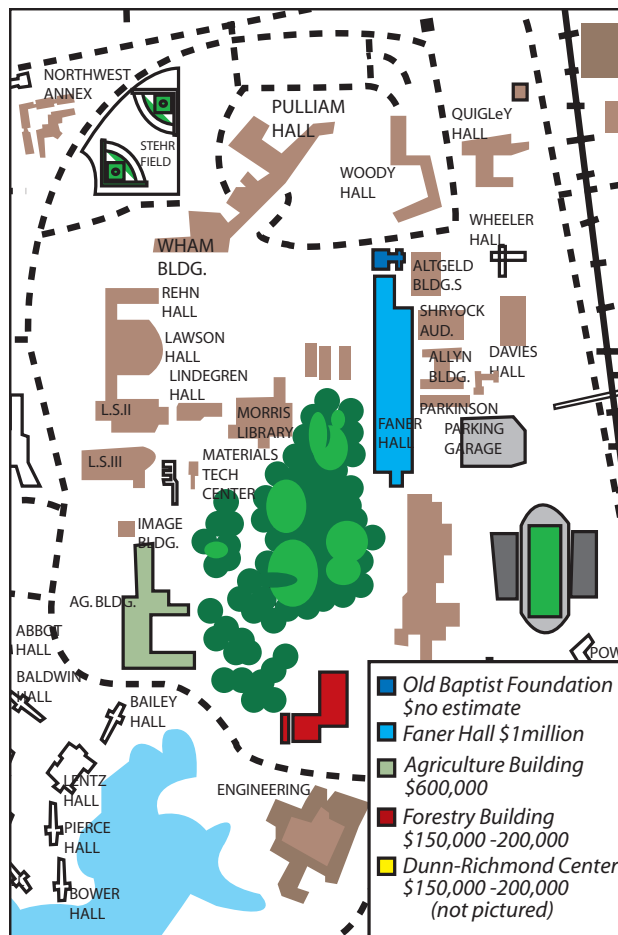
Gatton said roofing the Forestry building and the Dunn-Richmond Center would cost roughly \$150,000 to \$200,000 each.

The Forestry building will have a 25-year, modified bitumen roof, which is applied in layers on sloped roofs and resembles rolled roofing, Gatton said.

The center, which was built in the mid-1980s, houses state and private offices for start-up businesses, Gatton said.

The replacement roof will be made of a high-density rubber projected to last more than 20 years. It will be applied in sheets from 12-foot-wide rolls, which are glued together end to end, Gatton said.

Although Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building will be the last to reach the construc-



tion phase, Gatton said they are still top priorities.

The Dunn-Richmond Center and the Forestry Building were designed in-house, which takes less time, he said. Construction on Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building will be more complex, Gatton said.

"We had to hire outside architects because they're bigger projects," he said. "In order to do either one of these roofing systems, you have to be a licensed contractor with these manufacturers."

Faner Hall's roof will cost roughly \$1 million, Gatton said.

The roof on the Agriculture Building will cost roughly \$600,000 and will include a portion of trays filled with living plants, he said.

The "green" portion of the roof would be the result of a combined effort among Plant and Service Operations, the Agriculture Department and the contractors to make the university more environmentally friendly.

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Student killed in single-vehicle accident

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lisa Rodey said she would always remember Alex Cowdery as the guy who danced barefoot at an outdoor music festival.

Cowdery, a senior from Bloomington who studied industrial technology, was killed in a traffic collision on Chautauqua Road early Tuesday morning.

According to a report from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Cowdery was traveling at a high speed when his vehicle went airborne around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. He was pronounced dead on the scene after the vehicle collided with a tree along the road's eastbound lane, according to the report.

Rodey, a senior from Countryside studying speech communication, was one of several of Cowdery's friends who remembered him as happy, generous and eager to include others.

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Driver in student deaths appears in court

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The truck driver who told police he was asleep at the wheel when his vehicle struck and killed two SIUC students appeared for the first time in traffic court Tuesday.

Dennis Hernandez, who was operating a truck carrying sound equipment for rock artist Bret Michaels's touring reality show at the time of the Sept. 26 accident, was charged in Franklin County traffic court for operating in an impaired state, driving on a suspended license, driving the wrong way on a divided highway and a log violation.

Hernandez did not make a plea on the charges Tuesday, but was given a pre-trial hearing date in January.


Hernandez's vehicle struck and killed 19-year-old SIUC sophomores Kevetta Davis and Yasmin Jackson, who were traveling in Jackson's SUV to St. Louis.

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
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Health department encourages vaccinations

Jackson County and SIUC prepare for flu season

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Flu season is back, and Jackson County health officials are prepared.

Jackson County Health Department workers have traveled throughout the county for the past month administering flu vaccinations to prepare for flu season.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness spread through coughing, sneezing or any exchange of fluids from the eyes, nose or mouth, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC reports estimate the flu affects 5 percent to 20 percent of the country's population, with more than

200,000 hospitalized and 36,000 killed by the flu each year.

Carla Griffin, director of nursing at the Jackson County Health Department, said vaccinations are a proactive approach to health. The process is relatively painless and quick, she said.

"It couldn't be any easier," Griffin said.

Dr. Charles Clemens, medical chief of staff at the Student

Health Center, said vaccinations would also be available at the facility during flu season, which typically runs from November to February.

Vaccinations at the Student Health Center cost about \$20, Clemens said.

Clemens said SIUC medical profession-

als follow the CDC in recommending everyone get vaccinated, especially those in group housing or dormitories.

"They're in large gatherings of people where it is likely to share germs," Clemens said. "We're recommending that all college students get a flu vaccine."

Clemens said people with ongoing medical problems such as asthma or diabetes are encouraged especially to get vaccinated because they are at a higher risk of contracting the flu and having it turn into a more serious problem such as pneumonia.

Clemens said serious risks of the vaccination are rare and the vaccination would not cause the flu itself.

"That's a myth that a lot of people worry about that you'll get the flu (from the vaccine)," Clemens said.

Mike Brewer, a building service sub foreman in the Physical Plant, said he hardly even felt the flu shot. Brewer said he normally gets vaccinated every year and so does his family.

"I came because my wife told me to," Brewer said. "And I always like to be cautious."

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Jackson County Health Department flu vaccination:

Today from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro; Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro; Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Dowell Fire Department in Dowell.

Flu vaccinations will also be available at the Jackson County Health Department in Murphysboro Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Source: Jackson County Health Department



EMILY SUNBLADE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Employees of the Jackson County Health Department have traveled to more than ten towns throughout the county this month to provide the flu vaccine to area residents. Jim Lawless, the dishroom supervisor for Lentz hall from Murphysboro, got his shot Tuesday when the vaccines were offered to university employees and their families at the Recreation Center.

Every story has more than one angle.

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Wall Street jumps again, but no one is exhaling

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Wall Street’s best day in two weeks — and one of its best ever — was a joyless rally.

Even a manic, final-hour stampede of buying that sent the Dow Jones industrials soaring almost 900 points did nothing to dispel the feeling that the market could turn on investors in an instant.

But the extraordinary, lurching volatility that has gripped Wall Street since the financial meltdown began in mid-September meant there were no guarantees the rally would hold, not even for a few days.

Investors are expecting a cut in interest rates when the Federal Reserve announces its decision Wednesday. But they’re also staring into an economic abyss, bracing for a recession of a depth no one knows for sure.

Any other day like this — the Dow and the Standard and Poor’s 500 both rose almost 11 percent — might have ended with boisterous cheers and paper tossed into the air. On Tuesday, 4 p.m. came with meager applause.

“I don’t think it will be a sustained move,” said Matt King, chief investment officer at Bell Investment Advisors.

The Dow finished 889 points higher to close at 9,065. On Oct. 13, the Dow rose 936 points, its best ever;

no other single-day rally has come close in terms of points to what happened Tuesday.

Analysts ventured a number of explanations for the sudden rally — including coming interest rate cuts, bargain hunting, a market desperate to find a bottom and the expectation that banks, at the urging of the White House, will quit hoarding money and start making loans.

“There is nothing fundamental that came out today or yesterday that would take it up or down. We’re all groping for something meaningful to talk about,” said Bob Andres, chief investment strategist at Portfolio Management Consultants. “The market is exhausted from going down.”

The mood on Main Street is decidedly more pessimistic, and new data Tuesday showed Americans are more depressed than market analysts had expected.

The Conference Board’s consumer confidence index plunged to the lowest level in its 41-year history in the wake of this month’s financial meltdown, the sharp drop in home prices and increasing job losses.

The index fell to 38, down from a September reading of about 61 — the third-steepest monthly decline since the board started the measure in 1967. Analysts, way off the mark, had expected 52.

“It’s the worst consumer environment since the 1981-1982 recession,”

said Adam York, an economist at Wachovia Corp. Americans believe “there’s a very dire situation in the U.S. economy right now, and they’re not far from being right,” he added.

Financial market turmoil and falling housing prices have wiped out trillions of dollars of household wealth in recent months. The S&P 500 had fallen 27 percent in October, and 40 percent for the year, before Tuesday’s jump.

In addition, companies cut 760,000 jobs in the first nine months this year, sending the unemployment rate to 6.1 percent last month. Many economists expect layoffs to continue and the unemployment rate to rise to 8 percent or higher in 2009.

After the last recession, in 2001, the unemployment rate rose as high as 6.3 percent in June 2003.

On Tuesday, Whirlpool Corp. said it will cut 5,000 jobs. That’s on top of other recent layoffs of thousands of workers by Xerox Corp., drugmaker Merck & Co. Inc. and financial services firm National City Corp.

“The collapse in confidence is directly tied to perceptions about economic conditions and that is likely to mean that households will keep their wallets closed,” said Joel Naroff, an economist with Naroff Economic Advisors.

If they do, it’ll happen at a bad time. The holiday season is just weeks away, and it’s expected to be anemic.

McCain says pundits fooled, promises victory

Mike Glover
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HERSHEY, Pa. — Republican John McCain and running mate Sarah Palin told a Pennsylvania audience Tuesday that “it’s wonderful to fool the pundits” and vowed to pull out an upset win over Democratic rival Barack Obama.

“I’m not afraid of the fight; I’m ready for it,” said McCain, continuing his sharp assault on Obama at a noisy rally opening his campaign day.

Palin defended the campaign’s harsh attacks on Obama.

“Our opponent is not being candid with you about his tax plans,” said Palin. “It is not mean-spirited, and it is not negative campaigning to call out someone on their record.”

Obama backers waving signs briefly interrupted the rally, a move Palin dismissed.

“When we get a protest like that, I’m always tempted to tell security, ‘let them stay, maybe they’ll learn a thing or two,’” Palin said.

The campaign day was complicated by wintry weather that forced the cancellation of an outdoor event in Quakertown. McCain headed to North Carolina and Florida before the day was over. Palin was heading on her own to other events in Pennsylvania after

the rally in Hershey.

Sagging in polls nationally and in battleground states, McCain worked to light a fire under his supporters.

“Nothing is inevitable; we never give up,” he said. “Let’s go win this election and get this country moving again.”

Most polls have shown Obama with a lead in the race for Pennsylvania’s 21 electoral votes, but McCain dismissed those surveys and urged a sprint to the finish.

“It’s wonderful to be back in Pennsylvania,” he said. “It’s wonderful to fool the pundits because we’re going to win the state of Pennsylvania.”

Pennsylvania is the only state won by Democrat John Kerry in 2004 where McCain is still mounting a full-scale campaign. Both the Republican and Democratic tickets are focusing heavily in the closing days on a few key battleground states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida and Virginia.

McCain continued to label Obama a traditional liberal Democrat seeking to redistribute the wealth.

“Senator Obama is running to be redistributor in chief; I’m running to be commander in chief,” McCain said. “Senator Obama is running to punish the successful; I’m running to make everyone successful.”

U.S. speeding up release of Iraqi detainees

Corinne Reilly
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

BAGHDAD — In recent months, the American military has begun freeing many of the Iraqi prisoners it has been holding without charges and aims to release all of them by December 2009, according to U.S. military data and interviews with military officials.

In the five and a half years since the Iraq war began, U.S. troops have arrested and detained roughly 100,000 Iraqis, almost all of them without formal criminal charges. A year ago, 26,000 Iraqis were in American military detention, more than at any other point since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. About 17,000 remain imprisoned, but that number is dropping fast.

Brig. Gen. David Quantock, the U.S. deputy commanding general in charge of detainee operations in Iraq, told McClatchy Newspapers that he thinks the vast majority of detainees who remain in custody are not dangerous. Most of them participated in the insurgency because they were paid to do so or because they were threatened, he said. “I think it’s a small number who are here because they really believe in the ideology of it.”

Within the next 14 months,

Quantock said the military hopes to turn over a few thousand detainees who are considered the most dangerous for prosecution under Iraqi law. The rest will be released, he said.

American troops also have arrested about half as many Iraqis so far this year as they did in the first 10 months of last year, according to military data. On average, the United States now is releasing 50 detainees each day and arresting 24 new ones.

The United States must close its prisons in Iraq before American troops can leave, but the matter is complicated by difficult negotiations with the Iraqi government over a new agreement to govern the status of U.S. forces in Iraq.

The United Nations mandate that has allowed the United States to operate in Iraq will expire at the end of this year. What will happen after that, both to American military operations in the country and to the way the United States handles its prisoners, is not clear.

The United States is hoping that Iraq’s government will accept a draft agreement that would allow U.S. troops to remain in the country for at least three more years. Whether Iraq will approve the draft is uncertain at best, but if it does, the American



CORINNE REILLY ~ McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

The U.S. military has begun freeing many of the Iraqi prisoners it’s been holding and aims to free all of them by December 2009, according to American military data and interviews with military officials.

military no longer would have the authority to arrest Iraqis without the Iraqi government’s permission. Any Iraqis whom U.S. troops detained

would have to be turned over to local authorities within 24 hours.

It is less certain what would happen to Iraqis who already are in

U.S. custody. The proposed agreement calls for “all U.S. armed forces detainees (to) be released in a secure and orderly manner.”

ILLINOIS

Suspect in Hudson murders could have been locked up

SPRINGFIELD — The convicted felon suspected in the Chicago slayings of Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson’s family was arrested on a drug charge in June, but authorities declined to return him to prison on a parole violation, internal parole records show.

Corrections Department spokesman Derek Schnapp said officials who reviewed the case against William Balfour determined “the evidence that was presented during that time wouldn’t have necessarily warranted a violation.”

WASHINGTON

More Republicans call on Alaska Senator to resign after conviction

WASHINGTON — A growing chorus of Republicans on Tuesday called for Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens to resign from a seat he has held for four decades after his conviction on seven felony charges.

But with the party bracing for losses in the upcoming election, many hope Stevens will first win re-election Tuesday and then resign to give Republicans a chance to fill the seat with a fresh GOP face.

Nevertheless, Republican presidential nominee John McCain and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell urged their Senate colleague to resign.

GEORGIA

Polling place hours extended in Florida due to record turnout

ATLANTA — Georgia residents packed polling places as early voting started in earnest this week, braving lines as long as eight hours to cast ballots and forcing some voting sites to stay open deep into the night.

Polls have been open in Georgia since Sept. 22, but dozens more opened this week as part of a statewide strategy to ease the crunch on Election Day. The advance voting sites will be open every day through Friday.

About 200,000 ballots were cast Monday.

MICHIGAN

Ex-Detroit mayor Kilpatrick gets four months in jail for scandal

DETROIT — Kwame Kilpatrick was sent to jail for four months Tuesday for his part in a sex-and-text scandal and the judge chastised the disgraced ex-mayor for arrogance and disregard for the rule of law.

Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner’s sentence was the finale to the scandal that destroyed Kilpatrick’s reign at City Hall

“At a time when this city needed transparency, accountability and responsibility, you exhibited hubris and privilege at the expense of the city,” the judge said.

Program rewards designated drivers

Free drinks, cover and appetizers among perks

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students interested in free drinks, free cover and even free appetizers only have to make one sacrifice — alcohol.

Dawg DD, the newest program from Project Ignition, allows students interested in being a designated driver to receive free non-alcoholic drinks and in some cases, free entrance to bars and free appetizers. Project Ignition is a Registered Student Organization that aims to improve road safety.

Lucas Pulley, the president for the group, said the Dawg DD campaign launched Friday night with about 10 students signing up for a card. He said Project Ignition's main focus was on pedestrian and vehicle safety, but Pulley realized drunk driving was an issue that needed to be addressed.

"There have been programs like this in the past, but it became clear drunk driving was still a problem," Pulley said. "All the businesses were more than happy to help us get the word out."

Some of the 22 businesses participating

in Dawg DD include Callahan's, Quatro's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Stix, Applebee's and Gatsby's II, which also offers free cover for a designated driver accompanied by two or more people.

Steve Payne, owner of Quatro's, said even though his business does not face the same challenges as bars, he sees the program's benefits.

"Any time you serve liquor it is good to have something like this in place," Payne said. "This is not really a new program, but it comes back every once in a while."

Michelle McLernon, outreach coordinator for the Wellness Center and faculty adviser for Project Ignition, said she was thrilled with the response of community businesses to the Dawg DD program. Out of the 22 businesses the group asked to participate, none of them declined.

Greg Knoob, owner of Callahan's, Stix and Cali's, said he supported the program because his bars already give free soft drinks and other incentives to designated drivers.

McLernon said the group did not have to do much convincing to get businesses on board.

"It's great to see the community really wanting to support and promote safety," McLernon said. "This group has worked really hard and has been one of the best student groups I have ever worked with."

While some of that hard work has gone towards Dawg DD, Pulley said the group has also worked hard trying to make the crosswalks safer for pedestrians.

Pulley said Project Ignition worked with graduate students to research the most dangerous areas for pedestrians to cross the street. The results showed the crosswalk by the Recreation Center needed improvement, a crosswalk by the Student Health Center was needed and improvements had to be made on the three-way stop intersection of

Highway 51 and Grand Avenue.

The group received a \$2,500 grant from State Farm for its research and Pulley said the money would be used to give incentives for students who walk bikes through crosswalks and take other precautions.

"It is the cops' job to negatively reinforce the law through tickets," Pulley said. "We want to give positive reinforcement to students who make the roads safer."

There is no set date to make improvements to the dangerous areas highlighted in the research, but Pulley said the group would work to get more students involved.

He said there are plans to get film students to produce public service announcements and graphic designers to create posters.

Pulley said students interested in obtaining a Dawg DD card could get one in the Wellness Center, outreach offices or at an informational table in the Student Center he hopes to have running two times per week.

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BLOG

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DRIVER

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Hernandez, 33 of El Monte, Calif., told officers he fell asleep at the wheel and didn't awaken until he had already crossed from the southbound lane into the northbound lane and struck Jackson's vehicle, Illinois State Police said.

An inquest into the official cause of death for both victims is scheduled for Thursday night, Franklin County

Coroner Stephen Leek said.

After the accident, tour buses from the VH-1 reality TV show "Rock of Love Bus with Bret Michaels," were stopped at the scene — near the West Frankfort exits on I-57 — according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Because Hernandez was working for a VH-1 production while operating the vehicle with a suspended license, the network and its parent company, Viacom, are liable for the women's deaths, a lawsuit filed by

Davis' parents argues.

Chicago attorneys Dan Kotin and James Montgomery Jr. filed a joint lawsuit in the case. Montgomery, who is representing Davis' father and her siblings, said the case was filed together even though Davis' father and mother are divorced and therefore represented separately.

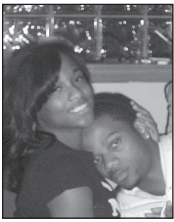
Montgomery said it is too early to determine how the plaintiffs in the civil case — including Hernandez, VH-1, Viacom and 51 Minds Entertainment,

which produces the show — would react to the suit.

Bruce Wall, a Chicago attorney, said he would likely represent 51 Minds Entertainment, Hernandez and possibly others in the case. He said he had yet to read the suit and would not comment until he did.


Wall said he would not represent Hernandez outside of the civil suit.

Sean McGahan can be reached at
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Kevetta Davis

19-year-old sophomore from Chicago studying physiology



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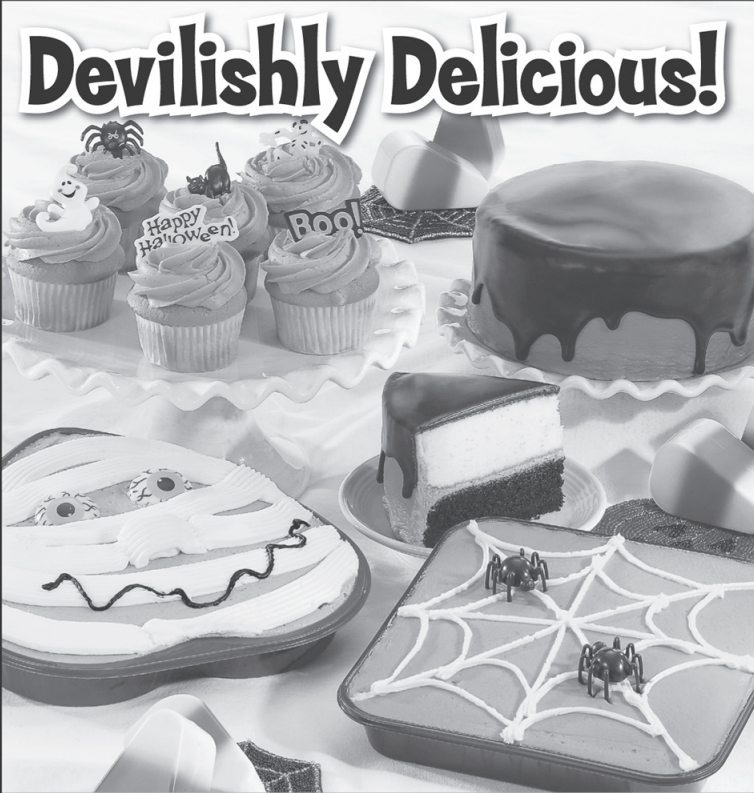


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OUR WORD

Obama vs. McCain:
 Foreign affairs and defense

Editor's note: The DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board has expanded its number of voting members to include our sports editor Brian Feldt, photo editor Stephen Rickerl and editor-in-chief Allison Petty for a series of editorials in response to the "It's your vote '08" series. Each week, the editorial board will give you its take on the candidates' stances. This week's editorial addresses their stances on foreign policy and defense.

Obama: 5
 McCain: 4

Barack Obama and John McCain have similar foreign affairs and defense plans. They want to rid the world of nuclear weapons. They want to do more to help veterans of the U.S. military, and they want

to increase the size of the country's military. A larger military would mean shorter and fewer tours and better security at home, and would be ideal if either of them could attract more people to willfully join the armed forces.

They want to reform spending in the military. McCain wants to reduce it to stay within its budget — something that would be great for our country's deficit, which is growing faster than a child. Obama wants to invest in upgrades that would make our troops safer, and fewer casualties in this time of war would make our involvement in these conflicts easier to bear.

But when it comes to their policies on the Middle East — the facet of their policies the DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board finds most important — we are torn.

McCain wants to continue in Iraq.

While most of the board want nothing more than the war that has taken the lives of so many to end, some of us fear that 16 months is just too quick.

Iraq could become a vacuum for terrorism, with a Germany-post-World War I-esque existence. WWI left Germany in a state of despair — its economy failed and World War II is what brought it out of its slump. The nation's people were ripe to follow anyone who promised better. We don't want the next Adolf Hitler to show up in Iraq.

Staying in Iraq and finishing the job will have the best result for all parties involved.

Obama wants to pull out of Iraq within 16 months.

The rest of us think we should cut our losses, worry about our own failing economy and allow for other nations to give the Middle East a hand. Obama should make it his goal to focus on stabilizing the Iraq government before withdrawing so many of our troops, but keep that goal within a timeline.

Sixteen months may seem quick, but the United States' presence in Iraq has lasted long enough, and it's time to get most of our troops out, not send more in, like McCain's plan would require.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Display should not damage
 people

DEAR EDITOR:

After reading all the letters regarding the pictorial display on campus (Mr. Fields' in particular), one can only assume that the SIUC community is composed of some of the most weak-minded faculty, staff and graduate students on the planet.

If, in fact, this display "compromised the mental health" of these groups, I hope you confine yourself to campus and never go to East St. Louis, Detroit or Chicago's south side, because you could not handle everyday life. Stay out of rural America also because we raise our own food and have to kill and clean it before consuming it.

Rebel Pinkston
 Carbondale resident

Anti-abortion display

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing on behalf of the Warriors 4 Life, the student organization that brought the Genocide Awareness Project to campus. Our organization and the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform staff are pleased that the display, which appeared on campus Oct. 20 and 21, has sparked a lively debate not only about abortion but freedom of speech and the role of sometimes-graphic imagery in the pursuit of promoting a cause. We share the contention that these images were graphic and displayed an incredible level of violence — but this is the point of the display.

It is through the use of graphic images that we not only recruit people to our side of social movements but also identify the people who stand in opposition to our views. We need look no further through history than the story of Emmitt Till to see the impact of graphic images on a society. "The setting of the film and lesson is the summer and fall of 1955. Early on the morning of Aug. 28, 1955, Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African-American teenager, was kidnapped and brutally murdered in Mississippi," according to http://www.facinghistory.org. When his body was found, it was badly beaten and swollen. After the body was returned to Chicago, Till's mother held an open casket funeral. When asked why she did it, she said, "They need to see what they did to my boy."

This incident was a clear watershed moment in the flare-up of the Civil Rights Movement. It is

questionable whether the movement would have gained such traction without such a vivid display of the brutality. And in this way, the genocide display seeks to turn the tide of public opinion against abortion.

Another claim against this display was that it was "obscene" and therefore should have been censored like pornography. There is a simple reason that the fallacy of equivocation exists with this argument: Pornography is censored because it has no "socially redeeming value," and only exists for the purpose of sexual gratification.

These images do serve a socially redeeming value in that they make people ask questions about the access to abortion and its morality. When it comes to the freedom of speech topic, there seems to be universal agreement that our group had the right to display these images, but the problem that some are having is involved in their right to not be confronted by these images.

And in truth, this is a valid concern, and one of the inherent conflicts of society is how to balance the rights of one party against that of another. In this case, the only solution would have been to ban the display. Because those people who were offended had the option of simply modifying their routes to and from class, the balancing test came out in the display's favor.

Jermaine Raymer
 president of Warriors 4 Life

University should pull
 Naked Juice

DEAR EDITOR:

There are many things one has to worry about in order to remain healthy. It goes beyond counting calories or reading the nutritional facts. Sometimes, the very packaging can cause damaging health effects. Just recently, a University of Missouri scientist named Frederick Vom Saal released a study which found continual, low dose amounts of Bisphenol-A (BPA), a toxic chemical found in baby bottles, food and can liners, and plastic bottles, that has been linked to heart disease and diabetes.

This is the exact type of problem we might find in students, faculty or babies who drink Naked Juice or other products with the No. "7" recycling number on the bottom. BPA is an artificial sex hormone. Despite warnings from various governments, we still find BPA in common products found at SIUC and grocery stores around the nation. The FDA has essentially turned the other cheek by allowing this known toxin to remain in the food industry and our food.

I wrote the Naked Juice Company asking if they would take the concerns of their customers into account by bottling their product into a non-toxic bottle and received the following response:

"Dear Mr. Chrisman: Since many communities are involved in required or voluntary recycling programs, we appreciate your concern respecting this issue. Consumer input is very important to us. We are continually evaluating our products and packaging, and your comments will be forwarded to the proper departments for their review. We welcome your comments and hope that you will continue to select and enjoy our products."

Much like the FDA, Naked Juice will more than likely continue the use of BPA despite the grave health risks. Therefore, the university should take the lead and make sure products such as these are removed from the shelves at once. I urge my fellow students and faculty to double-check the ingredients they are digesting, which may prove fatal if swallowed.

Kevin Chrisman
 senior studying history

Abortion is a
 personal decision

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Robert Bartoni and anyone else who cares to listen.

It is indeed my personal opinion that abortion is not a good idea; however, I do not advocate overturning Roe v. Wade nor do I equate abortion with genocide. It is my opinion that women seek abortions because they find themselves trapped in a painful and difficult dilemma from which they see no other solution. They need compassion, not condemnation. I favor

community outreach that focuses on improved sex education (in the home as well as at school), encouraging contraceptive use and providing support services to those women who choose not to terminate their pregnancies, and I believe that it is these efforts and the people involved in them who should be in the media spotlight.

I also wish to make it abundantly clear that I have no desire to impose my values and beliefs on other people. We must each make our own choices in life, and we must each answer to our own hearts and our own consciences.

Madelynne Carr
 senior studying rehabilitation services

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“What America needs is someone who will finish the race before starting the victory lap, someone who will fight to the end — and not for himself but for his country.”

Barack Obama
framing the home stretch of the presidential race during a speech in Canton, Ohio

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INSIGHT



Ghoulish fun

Photo column by
Edyta Błaszczuk ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

I would have to say that, along with sharing nostalgic memories of past Halloween costumes with friends, getting horrible toothaches from eating too many Milky Ways and watching Michael Myers stalk the youth of Haddonfield, Ill., in the “Halloween” series, my favorite Halloween-time activity is carving ridiculous or scary designs on the saddest-looking pumpkin I can find.

There’s something about continuously stabbing a large orange squash and dispensing the “guts” just to reveal that toothy grin that makes me excited for the season.

I try to forget about my insane hatred for cold weather and the thought of snow falling in the next month by looking outside my window

to see the beautiful cascades of reds, oranges and fading greens of the leaves, and the shades of orange of the pumpkins.

What I am going to miss most, now that I am considered an adult in society’s eyes, is trying to mooch as many sugar goodies and sometimes dollar bills from neighbors with other hungry children ready to bring home pillow cases filled with candy.

My favorite memory of the Halloween season would be trick-or-treating with my friend Olga when we were in the fourth or fifth grade and being chased around town by a very realistic and scary Michael Myers.

Even though I hadn’t seen the movie at that point in my life, I understood very well that a

man wearing a blue-gray jumpsuit, dirty white mask with crazy orange hair holding a (what I hoped to be) fake kitchen knife, following my friend and I around the block was not a good thing.

Of course, we knew he was dressed up in the name of Halloween, but the thrill of being spooked is something everyone should experience at least once. “Michael Myers” even came up to us later that night with the mask off to make sure he didn’t scare us too much.

Even though I would prefer to get through this ghoulish holiday without hearing any ghost or slasher stories for my own sanity, and mostly stick to carving pumpkins and decorating my room, a bit of a scare here and there doesn’t hurt anyone.

This Halloween I hope to see people have a good, safe time, gut those pumpkins, bake the salt-coated pumpkin seeds and eat that extra piece of candy without worrying about its nutrition facts.

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U.S. Senate

Richard J. Durbin



Party: Democrat
Background: Born Nov. 21, 1944. Earned his bachelor's degree in foreign services and economics from Georgetown University in 1966 and his law degree in 1969. Held his Senate seat since 1996 and was a representative in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983-1996.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports targeted tax cuts to address special burdens such as college tuition and childcare expenses.
Education: Wants to expand funding for math, science and technology education and reduce the high cost of college and textbooks. Believes the No Child Left Behind Act should be reformed to provide schools with the necessary resources.
Health Care: Supports an employer-based approach to universal health coverage that would be supplemented by a publicly financed program to assist those of limited means.
Energy and Environment: Supports passage of global warming legislation in Congress and wants to redouble efforts to clean and protect Lake Michigan. Supports environmentally responsible development of nation's oil and gas resources on and off shore.

Source: <http://www.dickdurbin.com>

Steve Sauerberg



Party: Republican
Background: Born April 3, 1953. Earned his medical degree at Rush Medical College. Has run family practice since 1985.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports making 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent and enacting summer holiday gas tax to decrease cost of products affected by rising gas costs.
Education: Wants to increase amount of education funding for veterans and evaluate funding methods for public school systems.
Health Care: Plans to enable individuals to purchase health coverage of their choice in any state and make it portable to any job in any location, and provide a tax rebate for individuals and families for purchasing health insurance.
Energy and Environment: Supports increased research into alternative fuel sources such as ethanol and pursuit of safe nuclear technology within Illinois. Supports restricting the amount of waste dumped into Lake Michigan by manufacturers and municipalities and believes federal programs aimed at protecting the environment should be fully funded.

Source: <http://www.sauerberg2008.com>

Kathy Cummings



Party: Green
Background: Born May 2, 1945. Earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Nebraska and a master's degree in special education at Northeastern University in 1991. Defeated in District 4 race for Illinois House of Representatives in 2006.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports a raise to minimum wage and supports instituting a Green Collar Job Corps to prepare people living in poverty, high school dropouts and veterans for the workforce.
Education: Believes education system needs major overhaul; opposes corporations and military involvement in education system.
Health Care: Supports single-payer universal health care, including dental, mental and pharmaceutical.
Energy and Environment: Supports moving to alternative, sustainable energy sources and expanding mass transit systems.

Source: Kathy Cummings, <http://www.kathycummings4senate.com>

Larry A. Stafford



Party: Libertarian
Background: Born in 1966. Describes himself as self-educated and an activist for the Rockford Illinois Area Libertarian Party since 1999.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports funding cuts from ineffective government programs to lower income taxes and believes welfare handouts should be reduced.
Education: Supports reducing federal spending by eliminating the Federal Department of Education and believes the control of education choices should be up to parents and students.
Health Care: Supports tax-free medical savings accounts for everyone and free-market health insurance.
Energy and Environment: Supports providing tax breaks for people purchasing hybrids and companies who invest in clean energy sources. Believes restrictions should be removed on oil exploration in the United States while moving toward renewable energy sources.

Source: Larry A. Stafford, <http://www.stafford4senate.com>

Chad N. Koppie



Party: Constitution
Background: Born Feb. 23, 1938. Attended aviation school at Purdue University. Was defeated in race for Illinois governor in 1998, for U.S. Senate in 1992 and in 1996.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports abolishing the Federal Reserve and getting rid of income and property taxes to switch to the Fair Tax System.
Education: Supports school vouchers and alternative forms of schooling; believes the Department of Education should be abolished and the system reformed to give more control to teachers and parents.
Health Care: Supports ending socialized medical coverage, abolishing Medicare and individualized coverage.
Energy and Environment: Supports abolishing the Department of Energy and lifting restrictions on energy development.

Source: <http://www.constitutionpartyil.com>

U.S. House - 12th district



Jerry F. Costello
Party: Democrat
Background: Born Sept. 25, 1949. Earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Maryville College of the Sacred Heart in 1973. Has been a representative in the U.S. House since 1988.
On the Issues
Economy: Opposes outsourcing of jobs and any free trade agreement that does not guarantee levels of protection for U.S. workers. Opposes any legislation that adds to the national debt.
Education: Supports increased funding for the Pell Grant program and believes the No Child Left Behind Act needs to be fully funded in order to be effective.
Health Care: Supports giving government the power to negotiate with drug companies to lower the cost of prescription drugs.
Energy and Environment: Supports use of Illinois' natural resources such as ethanol fuel and clean burning coal.

Source: <http://www.costelloforcongress.com>



Timmy Jay 'Tim' Richardson Jr.
Party: Republican
Background: Born June 24, 1981. Earning his bachelor's degree in computer science from TUI University and expecting to graduate in December 2008. Served in the United States Navy from August 1999 to May 2005.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports strong tax cuts and a review of the current economic situation to reverse deficits.
Education: Supports the use of vouchers to send children to public, private or religious schools and believes money should be allocated to the state to ensure proper funding for the No Child Left Behind Act.
Health Care: Believes individual states should be responsible for assisting with health care and supports the importation of prescription drugs into the United States.
Energy and Environment: Supports development and use of ethanol as an alternative fuel and believes the regulation and enforcement of the Clean Air and Water acts should be strengthened.

Source: <http://www.peopleforrichardson.com>



Rodger W. 'RJ' Jennings
Party: Green
Background: Born July 9, 1954. Earned his associate's degree in information technology from the Control Data Institute in 1973.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports repealing the free trade agreements and replacing them with policies to protect U.S. interest and environmental concerns.
Education: Opposes No Child Left Behind Act, supports increased funding for the Pell Grant program and federal tax incentives to help families save for college.
Health Care: Supports a government-funded, single-payer system that uses a single, accountable public agency to pay for health care.
Energy and Environment: Supports working with industries to reduce pollution output and find recycling methods to reuse materials and existing structures, as well as work for better public transportation.

Source: <http://www.rodgerjennings.org>

State Representative - 115th district



Mike Bost
Party: Republican
Background: Born Dec. 30, 1960. Attended University of Illinois Certified Firefighter II Academy and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1979-1982. Has held his seat as a state representative since 1995.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports offering incentives to small and large businesses to create more jobs.
Education: Supports increasing funding for higher education to be balanced with amount given to elementary and secondary education.
Health Care: Opposes universal health care, especially on state level.
Energy & Environment: Supports research of alternative fuels through existing research institutions, such as SIUC, and burning clean coal within southern Illinois.

Source: Mike Bost, <http://www.votesmart.org>



Cheryl Graff
Party: Democrat
Background: Born May 20, 1961. Earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1983 and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from SIUC in 1999.
On the Issues
Economy: Believes the state should provide incentives for business development in southern Illinois to combat jobs moving out of the region.
Education: Supports full funding of programs such as art and music to ensure children receive well-rounded education and believes schools should be funded in a way other than property taxes.
Health Care: Supports more access to affordable, high quality health care and believes Illinois should create a system where citizens can join an already established pool of health insurance.
Energy and Environment: Supports research and development of alternative fuels and clean coal technology in partnership with research institutions such as SIUC.

Source: Cheryl Graff, <http://www.graff4rep.com/default.html>



Charles F. 'Charlie' Howe
Party: Green
Background: Born Aug. 8, 1944. Earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University at Northridge in 1971 and a bachelor of business administration degree in international business from the University of Hawaii in 1978. Defeated in race for state representative in 2006.
On the Issues
Economy: Supports a raise to minimum wage and believes small businesses should be supported with grants, loans and tax breaks.
Education: Supports rebuilding the infrastructure of Illinois schools and increased funding for rural and downstate schools. Believes No Child Left Behind Act should be eliminated.
Health Care: Supports a single payer universal health care system that would be available for every Illinois citizen.
Energy and Environment: Supports renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power, and supports financing and building sustainable, clean energy technologies that already exist, such as hydroelectric and coal gasification technologies. Supports large mass transit systems for both cities and rural areas, and supports tax breaks and low-interest loans for organic and family farmers.

Source: Charles Howe, <http://www.gogreen115.org>

Students REACH for research money

Programs helps students pursue creative projects

Demarcus Hamilton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A workshop held Tuesday gave students the tools they would need to get creative — and get money.

For Merry Lanker, money awarded for research has given her an innovative outlet through which she can help the community.

Students were taught in the workshop how to best submit applications for Research-Enriched Academic Challenge, an award given to undergraduate students for research projects.

Lanker, a senior from Monticello studying art and education, was awarded the grant last year for a project she started that helps children in the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club express themselves.

"It is a win-win situation because I get to learn more about working with kids and a good way for the Boys and Girls Club to

benefit with these supplies at their disposal," Lanker said.

The REACH program allows students to embark on research and creativity projects over the course of a year while providing capital of up to \$1,500 to help fund the project, said Meg Martin, the program's director.

Martin said receiving the award is an honor and also a nice addition to a student's résumé.

The project also includes an assistantship for the fall and spring semesters for \$10 an hour for 10 hours per week, time which Lanker uses to administer her research project at the local Boys and Girls Club.

"It's a relatively prestigious award since we only give out 20 for the entire SIU campus," Martin said. "If you have an interest in a subject or topic of something, this is the opportunity to do that."

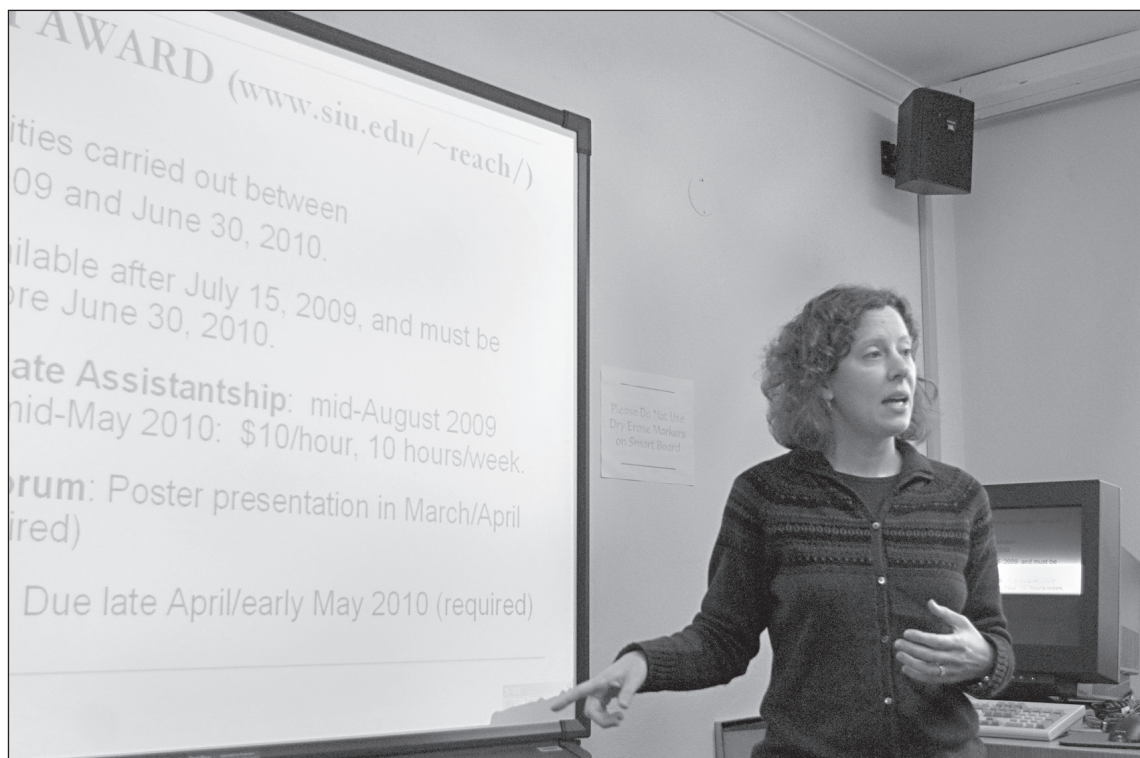
Lanker reads to children ages 6 to 8 twice a week through an after-school program. After the group is finished with the book, Lanker has the children draw a picture with their own interpretation of something from the book.

Lanker said she recently read a children's book called "Where the Wild Things Are," a story where a child sent to his room imagines going to a land of monsters.

After reading the story, Lanker had the children draw their own interpretations of the monsters and paint them.

Lanker said that is where the \$1,500 came in handy, as the art supplies needed for the REACH project came to a total of roughly \$500.

Some of the other funds will be



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Meg Martin talks about the REACH Program Tuesday in Woody Hall. The program gives undergraduates a chance to get paid for research done over the course of the 2009-2010 school year.

used for Lanker and her faculty sponsor to travel to Minneapolis, Minn., for the National Art Education Association in April.

Although Lanker is set to graduate in December, her work will not be done until spring.

After graduation, Lanker will compare the first project the students did to the last one and look for any connections between the literature and the art the students made. She will then create a poster with the projects for a final presentation and report that must be turned into the REACH committee.

Lanker, who is also a student teacher at Unity Point Elementary School, said she enjoys working with the children so much that she may consider continuing her work with the after-school program through next semester.

Lanker will also have a public art show Dec. 12 at the Boys and Girls Club for the students to show what they have done.

"The kids are doing really great work," Lanker said.

This year's REACH applications are due Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. at Woody Hall C-206. Those with

questions about the application should contact Martin at 453-4540 or mzmartin@siu.edu.

Demarcus Hamilton can be reached at 536-3311 or youngmb@siu.edu.



Check online

For tips on applying for the REACH program go to siuDE.com.

REACH PROGRAM

Awards: Up to \$1,500 in research funding money and assistantship
Research activities: Carried out from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010
Assistantship: \$10 an hour, 10 hours a week
Eligibility: 2.5 GPA or better and enrolled in at least one semester during 2009-2010 academic year.
Deadline: Friday Jan. 30, 2009, at 4 p.m. Winners will be announced March 23, 2009.

Source: Meg Martin, Director of REACH

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Performers spread power of poetry

Chris McGregor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cory Hopson said he shares his poetry in Longbranch Coffeehouse for those in his community who didn't make it that far.

Hopson, a junior from East St. Louis in performance studies, stressed the importance of paying his dues to his old neighborhood while expressing himself in an open mic session at the coffee house Sunday.

"I want to represent those that aren't here, from poets of the past to people who didn't make it out of my neighborhood," he said.

Hopson said he was from a city and neighborhood notorious for its problems, and he wants to bring to light the beauty of an urban environment.

He said writing rhymes has helped him achieve this.

"It kept me alive and helped me shed perspective on my situation. he said. Sometimes it got me in trouble as well, but even that allowed me to see new things and learn from them as well."

Rapping was just one form of expression at the event. More traditional poetry and miming all filled the small stage and captivated the audience.

"Poetry is a sin; that's why it feels so good going in," said Tiffany Bonds, creator of Da' Fellowship spoken word and open mic showcase.

She said she and some colleagues noticed a lack of things for their generation to do in Carbondale that did not involve drinking. Da' Fellowship was born out of the desire to provide



Cory Hopson, a junior from East St. Louis in performance studies, shares his written verses of rap and poetry at an open mic session at Longbranch Coffeehouse Sunday evening.

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entertainment for both students and the community.

"The line is thick in Carbondale between the locals and students," Bonds said. The area is very segregated as interaction between the students and locals is minimal. Longbranch Coffeehouse is the perfect place to

bridge the gap. Bonds said.

The location and non-affiliation with SIUC was important for Alessandra Nicholson, a junior at John A. Logan College studying social sciences.

She said she is hesitant to attend open mic events that are held on campus because she doesn't feel welcome, as

she is not an SIUC student.

"This outlet is beyond positive for me," she said. "This location is centered on the idea that anyone in the community can come."

Nicholson said the location is comfortable and encourages her to focus on her message — and the

message is progression.

She said it is important for students because they are mostly listening to things that have no message and aren't helping them move forward.

Creative outlets, such as poetry and other spoken word events, help them move in a positive direction, she said.

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After struggling to hold 10th place after the first two rounds, the SIU golf team rebounded with a final-round 296 to finish tied for fifth at the UTA/Waterchase Final in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday.

Behind the career-best fourth place finish of senior John Danielson, the Salukis finished in the top five for the fourth time in five tournaments.

Danielson said while it was not the Salukis' best performance, he was happy with how they fought through it.

"We struggled a bit, but we came back with a 292," Danielson said. "If we would have shot 292 every round, we would have finished second or third."

Senior Phillip Collier also

moved into the top 10 when he shot a four-under-par 68 in the final round, which tied for a career low. He finished with a six-over-par 222 to tie for ninth place.

Senior Todd Obergonnen finished 39th with a 16-over-par 232 while junior Patrick Scheil shot a 236 to finish 59th.

The Salukis struggled as they shot 308 in the first round, followed by a 304 in the second round to finish that round at 612.

Their 10th place position going into the final round was the worst the Salukis had been in all season.

But SIU refused to quit.

The final-round 296 was the second-best score of any of the 16 teams. The finish allowed the Salukis to finish above conference opponents Drake (ninth), Missouri State (12th) and Creighton (15th).

Coach Leroy Newton said he

could not be happier with how his team played on the final day.

"I'm tickled with them," Newton said. "They worked into good position and wanted to do better, and we would have if we had been clicking on all four cylinders."

The Salukis had a successful fall season with two first place finishes, four top-five finishes and no finish lower than sixth.

Newton said the future looks bright for this team.

"I thought the fall season was very successful," Newton said. "We played good teams and found out we have some very good golfers on this team. They can't take anything for granted. We have to come out hard in the spring and play good golf."

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"When somebody makes a run like that it gives everybody hope and the hope is that your young guys will come around and that your veterans can help teach them," he said. "It shows you that with the right team and the right chemistry, anything can happen. A lot of things have to go right but

you make your own breaks along the way and the team that steps up will have earned it."

Lowery said SIU could be the biggest question mark in the conference because of its reliance on young and inexperienced talent. He said the way the newcomers play should play a major role in the Salukis' success this season.

"They are going to play a big part in what we do," Lowery said.

"The new guys will have an opportunity, and how they deal with that opportunity will dictate how we do in this conference."

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Most MVC coaches have said there is a problem with proven opponents wanting to play Valley schools regardless of the site.

SIU head coach Chris Lowery said playing quality opponents on a consistent basis is the only way the MVC can keep pace with major conferences.

"We have to stay national and play people to really have our names on the lips of people when they talk about what conferences have done the best," Lowery said. "Scheduling is the hardest thing that we do other than recruiting because a lot of things have to fall in place. That is what is nice about this Mountain West Challenge is that it will allow us to get some more quality games on our schedule."

SIU has seen the affects of

scheduling conflicts first hand.

The Salukis still have an open date on their calendar because a scheduled non-conference opponent backed out on playing SIU, and the team has had problems finding another suitor.

Lowery said programs typically do not want to play Valley schools because of the nature of the conference.

"People as a whole know that our league can go on the road and win," Lowery said. "That has been the most consistent thing in our league is we have been successful on the road in tough environments."


Other teams have taken different routes to securing quality opponents. Northern Iowa, for instance, has contractual agreements with the University of Iowa and Iowa State for home-and-home series.

Some even luck into quality games. Evansville head coach Marty Simmons said the Purple Aces have backed into a game against the University of North Carolina because UNC head coach Roy Williams wanted to let an Indiana-native recruit play in front of family and friends.

No matter the case, playing quality opponents helps boost RPI, name recognition and recruiting.

"As long as I can remember, we just have had a hard time getting teams outside our conference to play us on a home-and-home basis," said Creighton head coach Dana Altman. "And it's so important for us and our fans that you play a schedule that people want to watch. It would be nice to make scheduling a little bit easier."

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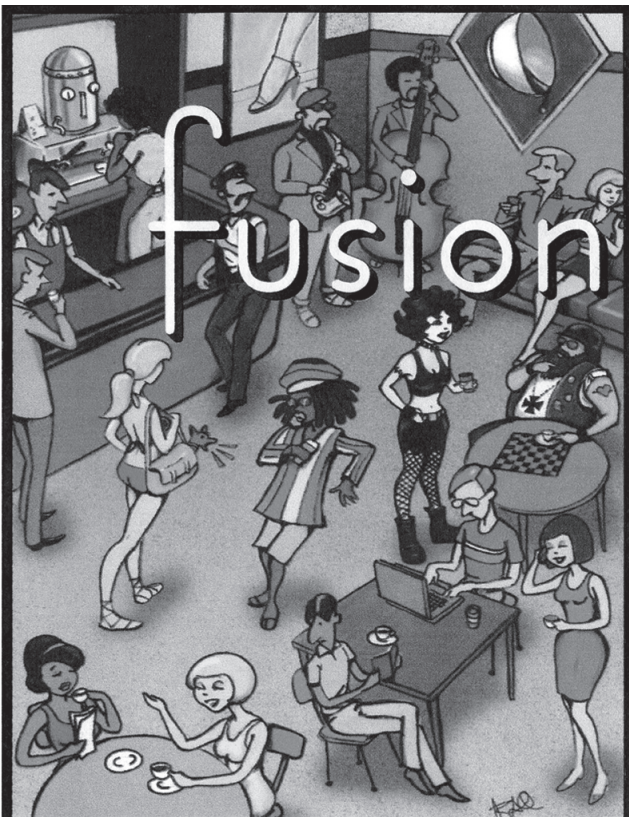
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Saluki Insider

After working out with the Detroit Lions, Daunte Culpepper is now in talks with the Lions about a contract. Can Culpepper still be a good quarterback at the NFL level?




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Culpepper was one of my favorite quarterbacks, but he should probably stay away from playing in the NFL again. He is getting older and he will never be 100 percent, so there is no need to further embarrass himself by getting caught up in the mess that is the Detroit Lions.



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I don't know what could be more boring: being retired or playing for the Lions. If Culpepper were smart, he would walk away from the Lions and call the Cowboys to see if he can fill in for Tony Romo. Not only is Detroit a bad team, playing for them could be dangerous for the fragile Culpepper. He could still be a good quarterback but not with the Lions.



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If Culpepper could get his head right, he could still be a good starting quarterback. He still has a cannon for an arm, he can still run and he's still as big as half the linebackers in the NFL. Physically, Culpepper is one of the most gifted quarterbacks in the league; he just needs to get right mentally.

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Saluki women picked to finish ninth in MVC

Luis C. Medina
DAILY EGYPTIAN

ST. LOUIS – SIU women’s basketball head coach Dana Eikenberg is relying on a new set of bus drivers to get the team back on the road to success.

The Salukis were picked to finish ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll announced Tuesday just two seasons removed from winning a conference championship.

SIU fell from first place to eighth last season, but with a slew of new talent in tow, Eikenberg said she believes this year’s team has what it takes to improve on last season’s 10-20 record.

Eikenberg said a renewed focus on the defensive end would go a far way in helping SIU regain its championship form, beginning with senior leaders Erica Smith and Jasmine Gibson.

“What they’re going to bring is they’re going to drive the bus the right way, and as captains and four-year competitors in our program they’ve been around for it all,” Eikenberg said. “They’re phenomenal women off the court and on the court, and they do it right academically and athletically.”

The Salukis finished near the bottom of the Valley standings in several key categories including points (sixth) and points allowed (ninth). SIU’s shortcomings on both sides of the ball were instrumental in dropping SIU to the bottom of the standings.

Despite returning only four players from last season’s squad, Eikenberg said she believes the return of Smith and Gibson will help SIU escape the Valley’s cellar.

Smith was a defensive standout in the backcourt last season for SIU and should continue to be a force on the defensive end. As an MVC All-Defensive Team member, Smith swiped 54 steals, blocked 21 shots and grabbed a team best average of 6.8 rebounds per game. She also was one of the Salukis’ best ball distributors, leading the team with 91 assists last season.

Smith, who also chipped in an average of 10.2 points per game last season, said she is excited to play Eikenberg’s brand of basketball.

“Coach Eikenberg is very intense, but she’s a competitor and that’s what we are,” Smith said. “We love to play up under her direction and we’re going to go out and get after it every night.”

Gibson is expected to carry a bulk of the scoring load for the Salukis. The senior forward only played in 19 games last season, but averaged career-best 14.3 points per game. She also notched 14 double-doubles last season, turning the trick in 11 consecutive games.

The senior forward’s best outing came Dec. 17 against Chicago State when she posted a career-best 31 points in a 70-49 win. If healthy, Gibson will likely be one of the conference’s top performers.

Gibson said she is excited to open a new chapter in Saluki basketball in her final season donning maroon.

“I’m ecstatic. I’m just pumped and ready to go,” Gibson said. “I’ve got a lot to look forward to and I’m ready to get my senior campaign started.”

One of the toughest challenges SIU will face this season is how its incoming talent will fit in with the team’s quartet of returners.

Smith and Gibson, the Salukis’ lone returning starters, will welcome nine newcomers to the hardwood this season, including five junior college transfers.

Each of the newcomers is expected to compete for a significant amount of playing time early in the season as Eikenberg will have an opportunity to substitute fresh bodies in the rotation.

Smith said she looked forward to getting a fresh start on a new campaign.

“The great thing about playing basketball is that we all start zero-zero, so it’s a clean slate,” Smith said. “We just want to go out, have fun and do what we’re capable of doing.”

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Whither the weather: Wacky World Series on hold

Ben Walker
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Sooner or later, someone will win this World Series.

Just not Tuesday night. Too wet. Besides, the baseball commissioner went home to Milwaukee.

Maybe the Phillies and Rays can play ball Wednesday night. But snow showers are in the forecast.

So just sit tight, folks, we’ll get back to you when we can. Right now, bad weather is turning the Fall Classic into a Rainfall Classic.

Players and fans remained in limbo Tuesday, with Game 5 still suspended from the previous night. It was tied at 2 in the sixth inning when a steady downpour turned Citizens Bank Park into a quagmire, washing away the foul lines and turning home plate into a puddle.

The Phillies lead 3-1 in the best-of-seven matchup, meaning Philadelphia could be close to winning a championship the city desperately craves.

Or perhaps not.

“It’s kind of like overtime in a sense, I guess,” Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. “Or sudden victory.”

“It’s just the way it is,” he said. “There’s no crying about it.”

OK, no crying here. The manager who listens to Springsteen while filling out his lineup card was real calm — he’d already lost one game at 1:47 a.m., then saw this unexpected break force his Rays to relocate to a hotel 25 miles south in Wilmington, Del.

Too late for complaining, anyway. A Series studded with big boppers such as Ryan Howard and B.J. Upton was no longer whacky — it was downright wacky.

The teams are tentatively set to resume at 8:37 p.m. Wednesday.

Since the Phillies will come to bat in the bottom of the sixth, fans won’t have to wait long for the seventh-inning stretch. They might not even have time to get a hot dog.

Hard to tell how many people will tune in even if — for once — a World Series wraps up before kids have to go to bed. The TV ratings for the first four games dipped by 25 percent from last year.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

SIU tabbed second in MVC poll, league announces new tournament

Salukis receive two first-place votes, Mullins earns All-MVC accolades

Brian Feldt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

ST. LOUIS — Despite losing three of its top four scorers from a season ago, the SIU men's basketball team was selected as the second-best team in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Salukis received two first-place votes and 322 total votes in the MVC's preseason conference poll, which was announced Tuesday at the conference's annual media day.

SIU trailed only Creighton, which received 36 first place votes and 386 total votes.

SIU head coach Chris Lowery said the Salukis' position took him a little by surprise, but he said he was pleased nonetheless.

"What it says is that our peers respect our program," Lowery said. "It is a tremendous credit to our program and to Bryan Mullins' leadership in this program. Obviously,

they think enough of our program and his experience to think that we will finish that high."

Mullins, the Salukis' senior guard, was given a spot on the MVC All-Conference Team, which featured four guards.

Lowery said Mullins' leadership will be "paramount to the team's success" this season in the wake of losing former mainstays such as Matt Shaw and Randal Falker because of graduation.

Mullins will have to lead a team dominated by underclassmen. SIU boasts one of its best recruiting classes in school history in freshman guards Kevin Dillard, Ryan Hare and Torres Roundtree and forward Anthony Booker.

"Obviously our leadership will have a lot to do with our success," Mullins said. "It's a credit to all our freshmen and the way that coach Lowery can bring in such a good class that we are a preseason No. 2."

The No. 2 ranking marks the

sixth consecutive season the Salukis have been picked to finish in the top three.

Illinois State represented the only other team to receive a first-place vote with one and came in third with a total of 309 votes.

Drake (274 votes), Bradley (219 votes), Northern Iowa (186 votes), Indiana State (137 votes), Evansville (122 votes), Wichita State (105 votes) and Missouri State (85 votes) rounded out the poll.

Last season, Drake was billed the No. 9 team in the conference but reeled off 21-straight wins en route to winning the Valley championship and advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1970-71 season.

Indiana State head coach Kevin McKenna said every team in the bottom half of the rankings should be gunning to be this year's Drake.

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In the middle of scheduling woes, Valley partners with Mountain West

Brian Feldt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

ST. LOUIS —With most Missouri Valley Conference teams having difficulties scheduling quality opponents, Valley administrators have partnered with another conference to help aid the problem.

MVC Commissioner Doug Elgin announced Tuesday that the Valley and the Mountain West Conference have entered into a four-year agreement to form a new tournament to boost quality opponents for both leagues.

The tournament, coined the Mountain West-Missouri Valley Challenge, will feature nine games during the next four seasons.

The tournament marks the fourth challenge-type tournament in the nation. The ACC and Big Ten conference's started

the trend in 1999. The SEC and Big East, and Pac-10 and Big 12 conferences quickly followed suit.

Elgin said the logistics behind the partnership make perfect sense.

"If you think about this from our perspective, this is the best alternative," Elgin said. "We are the best two conferences after the big six and I think there will be a lot of pizzazz and excitement around our fan base and players."

"I think it will be just extraordinary that teams like UNLV, Brigham Young, Utah and San Diego State will be coming into our buildings."

The announcement comes in the middle of a league-wide problem concerning quality scheduling.

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FOOTBALL

Salukis finally coming together

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As sloppy as it may seem at times, the SIU football team has found success as it enters the mid-season point.

As the Salukis continue to move through their inaugural season under head coach Dale Lennon, their record and recognition with the new systems continue to improve.

SIU has won five of its first seven games and has a share of first place, despite having to acclimate itself to the new plays and terminology of Lennon's schemes. If SIU can get to the top of the standings, imagine what the team could be able to do once it gets on the same page.

Lennon said the team's success can be partly attributed to the team's growing familiarity with his style of play and building on its success.

"I think we're starting to identify ourselves and what we're capable of doing," Lennon said. "And now each further game that we play we will keep building on that."

Not only does SIU seem to have a firm grasp on Lennon's concepts and terminology, it looks as if it has moved past some of the problems that slowed its progress early in the season.

Take for example the Salukis' 23-17 victory against Missouri State Saturday, a win in which the SIU offense might have finally moved past its second half inefficiencies.

The Salukis scored 20 fourth-quarter points, nearly half the number of points the team had scored in its previous six fourth quarters. It started with a quarterback sneak by Chris Dieker to put the Salukis on top 10-7. SIU extended its lead to 17-7 when Dieker connected with receiver Marc Cheatham on a 29-

yard passing touchdown with 9:03 remaining in regulation.

Finally, with the game tied at 17 apiece and on the brink of overtime, Dieker delivered a game-winning, 51-yard touchdown pass to keep SIU atop the Valley standings.

The win was the team's second straight road victory after opening the road portion of its schedule with a 33-7 loss against Northwestern Sept. 6, and a 35-27 loss to North Dakota State Oct. 4.

The Saluki offense was almost non-existent in the second half after being competitive in the first half in the two early-season road losses.

The only second-half points the SIU offense were able to put on the scoreboard came courtesy of a 6-yard touchdown pass from Dieker to tight end Ryan Kernes with 1:10 remaining in the fourth quarter of the loss against the Bison.

Since then, Dieker has led SIU to back-to-back road victories.

Senior running back Larry Warner said the team has full confidence in its starting quarterback.

"As you can see with each game he's developing. From the first start he's been doing a tremendous job and each week he's getting better," Warner said. "We believe that Chris can carry us."

The defense has also come around to perform to expectations, recently.

SIU has only allowed two offensive touchdowns in the span of its last three games and in its victories. The Salukis also notched a shut-out of rival Youngstown State at Stambaugh Stadium one week after the Penguins posted a 28-point effort against Missouri State.

Junior linebacker, Brandin Jordan said SIU is beginning to play defense to its full potential, thanks in part to the unit's confidence in



Saluki quarterback Joe Allaria makes a mid-air catch during Saturday's game against Missouri State in Springfield, MO.

ANTHONY SOUFFLE
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the Lennon's scheme.

"I said last week that we were in midseason form and every week we

continue to improve," Jordan said. "Everyone knows the playbook now and everyone knows their role."

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